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Title: FLUID DISTRIBUTOR FOR A MATERIAL AND HEAT  
EXCHANGE COLUMN, IN PARTICULAR, A PACKED COLUMN  
AND COLUMN PROVIDED WITH SUCH A DISTRIBUTOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination of the merits of the above-identified U.S. patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, please first amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the Abstract is attached following page 3 of this paper.